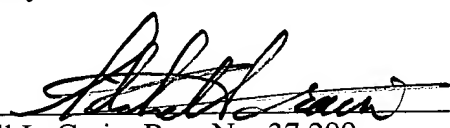


In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Further, a Notice of Allowance appears to be in order and such is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns about the allowability of this Application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner call the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

A check in the amount of \$224.00 to pay for the additional claims is enclosed. Any additional fee, which may be due in connection with this Amendment, should be applied against our deposit account number 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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